

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The City of Bangor has a long and rich history much of which has been preserved in its buildings. In accordance with the City's Charter and State law, the City of Bangor has established an Historic Preservation Ordinance and the Historic Preservation Commission to carry out the mission and goals of the ordinance. The mission and goals of historic preservation in Bangor include preserving, protecting and enhancing buildings and places within the City which possess particular historic or architectural significance in order to promote the educational, cultural and economic welfare of the residents and visitors to our City.

To achieve these purposes historic districts and related regulations have been established to prevent inappropriate alterations of buildings of historic or architectural value; to preserve the essential character of neighborhoods; and to assure that new buildings or structures constructed in neighborhoods and districts of historic or architectural value are designed and built in a manner which is compatible with the character of the neighborhood or district.

Listed below is a brief description of each of Bangor's Historic Districts:

- (1) Thomas Hill Historic District. An area approximately 10 acres located on the westerly side of Ohio Street and easterly of Highland Avenue, comprising the real estate commonly known as the "Bangor Standpipe," the "Bangor Children's Home," "Summit Park," the "Bangor Bird Sanctuary," the "Low-McEvoy House" and a vacant parcel adjacent to the Bangor Children's Home property, said area being more particularly described on a plan entitled "Thomas Hill Historic District."
- (2) Broadway Historic District. An area of approximately 20 acres, portions of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, bounded generally on the north by South Park Street, on the south by State Street and centered on Broadway, and more particularly described on a plan entitled "Historic Districts - Broadway Historic District."
- (3) High Street Historic District. An area generally bounded on the east by Hammond Street and on the west by Union Street and centered on High Street, said area being more particularly described on a plan entitled "Historic Districts - High Street Historic District."
- (4) Bangor Theological Seminary Historic District. An area generally bounded on the east by Union Street, on the west by Hammond Street and on the north by Pond Street, said area being described more particularly on a plan entitled "Historic District - Bangor Theological Seminary Historic District."

- (5) Whitney Park Historic District. An area generally bounded by the properties on the northerly side of West Broadway, on the east by Union Street, on the west by Hammond Street and on the south by Pond Street.
- (6) West Market Square Historic District. An area of approximately two acres to include the area bounded on the north by Hammond Street, on the east by Kenduskeag Plaza, the south by West Market Square, the southwest by West Market Square and the northwest by Main Street; all properties abutting on the east side of Main Street from the intersection of Main Street and West Market Square.
- (7) Great Fire Historic District. An area generally bounded on the east by Park Street and French Street.
- (8) State Street Historic District. An area encompassing the properties located at 241 State Street, 247 State Street and 20 Newbury Street.
- (9) Main Street Historic District.

In addition to buildings within the districts described above the following buildings have been awarded Historic Landmark Status:

- (1) Bangor House. The land and buildings bounded generally on the north by Main Street, on the west by May Street, on the south by Gallagher's Place and on the east by Union Street.
- (2) Wheelwright Block. The land and building located on the southerly side of Hammond Street.
- (3) Adams Pickering Block. The land and building located at the northwesterly corner of Main and Middle Streets, commonly known as "Sleeper's."
- (4) Samuel Farrar House. The land and buildings located at 123 Court Street, commonly known as the "Pentecostal Assembly."
- (5) Godfrey Kellogg House. The land and buildings located at 212 Kenduskeag Avenue, commonly known as "Cliff Cottage."
- (6) Morse and Company Office Building. The land and building located at 455 Harlow Street, commonly known as the "Leighton Agency."
- (7) Zebulon Smith House. The land and buildings located at 55 Summer Street.

- (8) John Crosby House. The land and buildings located at 277 State Street, formerly known as the "Home for Aged Women."
- (9) Charles H. Pond House. The land and buildings located at 175 State Street.
- (10) Bangor Waterworks. The land and buildings located on the southerly side of State Street, generally opposite from the intersection of Egery Street and State Street.
- (11) Jones P. Veazie House. The land and buildings located at 88 Fountain Street.
- (12) Maplewood. The land and buildings located at 8 Montgomery Street.
- (13) Jonathan Eddy House. The land and buildings located at 181 State Street.
- (14) William A. Mills Double House. The land and buildings located at 35-37 Fifth Street.
- (15) George L. Phillips House. The land and buildings located at 96 Ohio Street.
- (16) Thomas O'Leary House. The land and buildings located at 423 Hancock Street.
- (17) Doctor William Gallup House. The land and buildings located at 265 Hammond Street.
- (18) Nathaniel Collamore House. The land and buildings located at 124 Ohio Street.
- (19) Grata M. Moore House. The land and buildings located at 69 Highland Avenue.
- (20) David Fuller House. The land and buildings located at 98 Cumberland Street.
- (21) St. John's Catholic Church. The land and buildings located at 207 York Street.
- (22) George K. Stetson House. The land and buildings located at 208 French Street.

- (23) Ellen R. Doe Kellogg House. The land and buildings located at 45 First Street.
- (24) East Bangor Church. The land and buildings located at 401 Pushaw Road.
- (25) Bangor Fire Department Station No. 6. The land and buildings located at 294 Center Street.
- (26) Charles G. Bryant Double House. The land and buildings located at 16 and 18 Division Street.
- (27) Comfort C. Farrington - General Joseph S. Smith House. The land and buildings located at 241 State Street.
- (28) Edward Sargent - Amos M. Roberts House. The land and buildings located at 178 State Street.
- (29) Benjamin H. Mace House. The land and building located at 489 State Street.
- (30) Charles W. Jenkins House. The land and buildings located at 63V Pine Street.
- (31) Webster Treat - Norris E. Bragg House. The land and buildings located at 89 Third Street.
- (32) Wardwell-Trickey-Carleton Double House. The land and building located at 97-99 Ohio Street.
- (33) Nathaniel Burleigh - Haven Sawyer House. A two-acre parcel and the buildings thereon located at 840 Broadway.

The Historic Preservation Commission meets monthly to review requests for renovation or alterations to buildings located in historic districts or designated as landmarks. Upon finding the request meets the evaluation standards of the ordinance and the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation the Commission issues a Certificate of Appropriateness approving renovation, alteration or construction as requested by the owner.

Recognizing the expertise and commitment of Bangor Historic Preservation Commission, the State of Maine has designated Bangor a Certified Local Government. CLG status permits the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Bangor to act as reviewer for the State Historic Preservation Authority serving to make the process more accessible and streamlined.

The Code Enforcement Division provides administrative support for the Commission and is available to assist applicants with technical guidance and assist preparation of requests for Certificate of Appropriateness.